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PROCLAMATION - LAW DAY USA

Throughout our land we look to laws and courts as guardians of the life, individual freedom, and personal property of every citizen. But in many areas of the world today, the principle of individual liberty and equality under law is being challenged.

In the United States we must recognize that the preservation of our system of equal justice under law is the solemn responsibility of all citizens. The vitality of a free society built on a framework of law and justice depends upon broad public understanding and support.

It is appropriate therefore that a special day be set aside for directing thoughtful attention to the place of law in American life, for fostering respect for law as an essential element in an ordered society, and for demonstrating through this annual nationwide observance the marked contrast between freedom under law in America and the suppression of individual rights under communism.

This observance, known as [illegible], will take place on May 1, 1961. This observance will be an important and significant demonstration to the world that Americans are united in their determination to preserve the way of life made possible through our institutions of law and justice.

[illegible], Archie Gubbrud, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 1, 1961 as [illegible] throughout this state, and call upon all citizens to join in its observance.

[illegible] my hand and caused the [illegible] of the State of South Dakota to be affixed.

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in the year [illegible] nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

Archie Gubbrud
Governor of South Dakota

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